

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-26

Amend Ordinance No. 96-36 (Boating Ordinance) regarding Slow-No Wake Area

Executive Summary

The original Boating Ordinance used a gage located 80 feet east of Pottawatomi Trail Bridge at Bingham's Point Estates on Lake Koshkonong. This covered the entire Rock River within Jefferson County. Water levels experienced in Watertown did not support a slow-no wake versus the water levels further downstream. The second half of the revised ordinance brings Jefferson County in line with the slow-no wake levels identified for the Rock River in Rock County.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amend Section 4 of the Boating Ordinance as follows:

SECTION 4. SLOW - NO WAKE AREA. The term "Slow - No Wake Area" shall mean that area within which boats and/or watercraft shall be operated at the slowest speed at which said boat and/or watercraft can be operated and still maintain forward motion and steering control. Slow - No Wake Areas shall be so designated by notices posted at points of public access, and buoys. ~~Such posting and buoys shall be made when the water level is 779.5 feet above sea level at Jefferson County Hydrologic Unit 07090001 which is located 80 feet east of Pottawatomi Trail Bridge at Bingham Point Estates on Lake Koshkonong. No person shall operate a power-driven boat faster than a "Slow - No Wake" speed in an area so marked.~~

No person shall operate a boat and/or watercraft at greater than Slow-No-Wake speed on any portion of the Rock River downstream from the Dodge/Jefferson County lines to the West Milwaukee Street Bridge when the water level at the USGS gauge 0542550 (Rock River @ Watertown) is 3.5 feet above Datum gauge height of 792.38; and

No person shall operate a boat and/or watercraft at greater than Slow-No-Wake speed on any portion of the Rock River downstream from the West Milwaukee Street Bridge (Watertown) to Lake Koshkonong when the water level at the USGS gauge 05427235 (Lake Koshkonong near Newville) is 8 feet above Datum gauge height of 769.77.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective after passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of November 2014.

s/Jim Schroeder

Jim Schroeder

Chair

ATTEST:

s/Barbara A. Frank

Barbara A. Frank, County Clerk

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Ayes: Voice vote Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent_____ Vacant_____

Requested by

Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee

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APPROVED: Administrator: BW; Corp. Counsel: JBW; Finance Director: BL